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REMARKS

In the listing of claims set forth herein, claims 1-77 are maintained, and new claims 78-82 have been added. No new matter has been added. New claims 78-82 are fully supported by the original disclosure. It is respectfully requested that new claims 78-82 be approved and entered.

Claim Fee:

The application now contains a total of 82 claims, 16 of which are independent. The original filing fee included payment for 77 claims, 15 of which were independent. The claim fee due in connection with this Amendment is a small entity fee of \$350.00 (for 5 additional claims, one of which is independent). Submitted herewith is a Form 2038 covering the USPTO claim fee of \$350.00.

Authorization is given to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment, to Account No. 06-1378.

Election:

Responsive to the Election/Restriction Requirement,
Applicant hereby elects Invention I, claims 1-20, 26-28 and new
claims 78-82. Since new claims 78-82 have been added to the
application, and are included in the elected Invention I, the
Restriction Requirement is traversed with respect to new claims

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78-82, which are respectfully submitted to be includable in Invention I.

It is respectfully submitted that this submission is fully responsive to the outstanding Office Action dated August 28, 2006. It is respectfully requested that prosecution on the merits now proceed on the basis of the claims as amended herein, and on the election as set forth hereinabove.

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted

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